



Martha Robinson

April 17, 1923 - September 17, 2014

Martha M. Robinson, age 91 of Albia, passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia, surrounded by her six children, husband and loved ones.

Martha was born April 17, 1923, near Albia to Cyrus and Edna (Stewart) Prothero. She graduated from Albia High School with the Class of 1939. She married Melvine L. Clark on February 20, 1944, and to this union, 4 children, Shirley, Jon, Janice and LaRue were born. They shared 26 years of marriage before Melvine's passing. On June 10, 1972, Martha married Dale Robinson and welcomed Dale's 3 children, Ron, Jim, and Kathy into their blended family.

Martha helped farm with each husband. She was a homemaker and also worked for Hy-Vee food store in Albia for 24 years as a cashier and a bookkeeper. Martha enjoyed reading and was an avid gardener of flowers and vegetables. She joined the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) over 68 years ago. Throughout the years she held many OES offices and served as Grand Ester of the state of Iowa in 1988. Martha and Dale enjoyed extensive travel with OES. They toured with an agriculture group and visited 67 countries. They enjoyed making the rounds across the United States to visit their 6 children and grandchildren, eventually touring all 50 states.

Martha is survived by her husband, Dale Robinson; 6 children, Ron (Judy) Robinson, Shirley (Tom) Meyer, Jim Robinson, Janice Clark, LaRue (Paul) Russell and Kathy (Dave) Collins; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; and 1 foster grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband Melvine Clark; her son, Jon Clark; a grandson, Scott Robinson; and a daughter-in-law, Nancy Robinson.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 20, 2014, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial will be at the Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m., Friday, September 19, 2014, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with an Eastern Star Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Martha's family present from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Order of the Eastern Star, First Christian Church, or the Hy-Vee Scholarship Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Robinson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Martha Robinson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I went to college at William Penn with Kathy. I remember Kathy's wedding and meeting her family. Would like to get back in touch with Kathy.*

Jan Roudebush Bastian - Des Moines, IA - Friend of Kathy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Martha's Family,*

I was so shocked to open my Albia paper today and read of Martha's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Martha was my mom's first cousin, and of course I grew up with her in Albia and working at Hy-Vee. What I remember most about Martha was her grace and class. She was an extraordinary woman, but never called attention to herself. She always had a smile and an encouraging word. The world will be a little less gracious place because she is no longer among us.

*Hugs to you all,
Lori*

Lori Hendrickson - Longmont, CO - Extended Family Member - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Martha worked with my dad, Chuck LaMar, at HyVee for many, many years. I worked with her there as well and my parents were neighbors to her mother Edna. She was a wonderful and caring person and friend!

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Joanne (LaMar) Larsen

Joanne (LaMar) Larsen - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Martha. I worked at Hy-Vee with her for a lot of years. She was always happy and a joy to be around. I always loved to hear about her travels. Thinking of your family.

Marcia

Marcia Engstrom Ryan - Eldora, IA - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Just received word of Martha's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her at our Local Albia Hy-Vee Food Stores. What a Classy lady and what a pleasure to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.. May God Speed and Bless her Soul. Her Journey Continues. May she Rest in Peace.

Andy Simmons

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Friend - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ So sorry on the loss of Martha. My parents, Earl and Blanche Rowley, were good friends of Martha and Dale. My husband and I have many fond memories of visiting with Martha and Dale. May God surround all of your family with his loving arms at this time.
Lou and Jim Swinney

Lou Ellen (Rowley) Swinney - Del Rio, TX - Friend - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My heart goes out to Dale and the family. Martha was a lovely person. We were so happy to get to see her with Dale in recent years. I will miss her Christmas letter. May happy memories, the legacy of love, carry you through your time of sorrow.

Suann and Mike Hughes

Suann Hughes - Hickory Creek, TX - Dale's cousin - September 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ She was such a great lady. She was like a second Grandma to Mindy and Amy and will be missed. We are so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking to Shirley about the Eastern Star trips she and Dale enjoyed so much.

Didi and Terry - Des Moines, IA - Friend - September 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I met Martha while working with her in Cardiac Rehab years ago. I will never forget her. She was a wonderfully kind and caring women and I am so glad I had the opportunity to have her touch my life if only for a brief moment. Love you Martha and will miss you!

Jan Starcevic - Albia, IA - friend - September 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ If you had never met Martha and you didn't get a chance to know how amazing she was...all you would need to do is visit with her three daughters and you would see everything she was. They are her. They are strong, loving, hard-working, independent, intelligent, giving ladies with wonderful laughs, hearts of gold, a touch of stubbornness, and an unwavering pride for their family and friends. May you find comfort in knowing that she gave you such precious blessings every day.

Love You All, Debi Reed

Debi Reed - Albia, IA - friend - September 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My sincere condolences to Martha's whole family. I went to school with Janice and I remember Martha as one of the sweetest people I've ever met. She always had a smile and a warm word for everyone. Martha definitely made the world a better place and we're the poorer for her passing. i will always remember her fondly.

Marlene Evans - Des Moines, IA - Friend - September 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ SO many great memories of Martha from the Christian Church activities and also shopping at Hy-Vee. Such a friendly and lovely person. Martha will be greatly missed.

Jon was a classmate of mine - Albia Class of '68. We miss Jon too.

Feelings of hope and prayers for the Clark and Robinson families.

Vicki Woodard Luptowski

Vicki Woodard Luptowski - Ames, IA - Friend - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dale and family. I shall treasure the times I shared with her... always a quick smile and enough love to go beyond the moon! How I chuckle when I think of the fun times we shared during the different Eastern Star events!
Martha...a lady in every sense of the word!

Phyllis and Dennis Kellar - Norwalk, IA - Friend - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Martha has been a dear friend to us for over 20 years. She was a great lady who always had a kind word and smile for everyone she met. Eastern Star was a much better place because of Martha. She will be greatly missed by her OES family.

Nancy and Larry Niday - Knoxville, IA - friend - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM